

We claim:

1. A monoclonal antibody (mAb) that binds and neutralizes human Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF).
2. The mAb of claim 1 which is chimeric.
3. The mAb of claim 1 which is humanized.
4. The mAb of claim 1 which is human.
5. The mAb of claim 1 which inhibits binding of HGF to cMet by at least 50%.
6. The mAb of claim 1 which inhibits HGF-induced scattering of Madin-Darby canine kidney cells.
7. The mAb of claim 1 which inhibits HGF-induced proliferation of HUVEC cells.
8. The mAb of claim 1 which inhibits HGF-induced angiogenesis.
9. The mAb of claim 1 which neutralizes all biological activities of HGF.
10. The mAb of claim 1 which inhibits growth of a human tumor xenograft in a mouse when used as a single agent.
11. The mAb of claim 1 which is a Fab or F(ab')₂ fragment or single-chain antibody.
12. An anti-HGF mAb selected from the group of L1H4, L2C7 and L2G7.
13. A chimeric or humanized L2G7 mAb.
14. A cell line producing a mAb of claim 1.
15. A cell line producing a mAb of claim 13.
16. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a mAb of claim 1.
17. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a mAb of claim 13..
18. A method of treating cancer in a patient comprising administering to the patient a pharmaceutical composition comprising a neutralizing anti-HGF mAb.
19. A method of claim 18 wherein said cancer is glioblastoma.
20. The method of claim 18 wherein said mAb is a chimeric or humanized L2G7 mAb.